M E M O R A N D U M

February 3, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON

FROM: ANDREW SCIAMBRA

RE: CONVERSATION WITH PATN. MANUEL ORTIZ ON FEBRUARY 3, 1967

After calling Patn. Ortiz earlier in the day and requesting that he come up here to talk with you regarding Miguel Torres and Emilio Santana, Patn. Ortiz arrived at approximately 3 P. M.

I told him that we were trying to get information on the two above named persons in regard to a narcotics investigation, and he said that he did not believe that narcotics was the thing we were interested in. He said that he had heard that we were investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. He said that he had heard that we were investigating Cubans who could possibly be involved in this matter, and he said that he had heard that a Spanish or Cuban lady had overheard two Cubans and Lee Harvey Oswald planning the assassination of President Kennedy. I asked him if he knew the name of the woman who overheard the conversation, and he said that he could not recall it offhand or he didn't remember at the moment.

He seemed a little disturbed about the fact that we were not telling him the true nature of our investigation so I did not press the matter any further at that time.

It is my opinion that in order to get more cooperation from him, we will have to tell him a little more about the nature of our investigation. He did mention once again that Santana could not speak any English at all and that he was in this country for the first time only about four or five months before his arrest. He also said that he doesn't remember Santana's address, but that he did live in a small Spanish or Cuban community.

I told him that I did not know the full nature of the investigation, but that if we wanted him, I would get Detective Ivon to contact him again. He also related to me that Miguel Torres and he grew up together and were personal friends all during their childhood and early manhood. He said he doesn't know much about Santana.